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### ***Ernest Goedicke Named Young Entrepreneur of the Year***

**Casper** – The Wyoming District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has named Ernest Goedicke, owner/operator Goedicke's Pro Shop, the 2003 Young Entrepreneur of the Year for the state of Wyoming

This award is given to an individual who serves as a majority owner and operates or bears principal responsibility for operating a small business with a three year track record and who will not have reached the age of 30 by June 1, 2003. Criteria used to evaluate the nominees for this category is evidence of success as measured by sales and profits; increased employment opportunities; development and or utilization of innovative or creative business methods and demonstrated entrepreneurial potential necessary for long-term business success and economic growth.

The President of the United States recognizes contributions of the small business community to the American economy and society by proclamation each year.

Ernest Goedick began his business in 1997. In his first year of operation, he sold 30 bowling balls and a few accessories. Since then he has sold hundreds of bowling bowls and a large amount of accessories. He offers a broad variety of options to a bowler. He has added a ball resurfacing machine, a ball spinner for refinishing and polishing, an engraver and a set of professional scales all of which is qualified to operate. When someone comes to Ernest to have a bowling ball drilled, they are assured of a custom fit. He makes certain that the drilled ball fits the customer's hand, including those with arthritic problems and misshapen thumbs and guarantees his work.

Ernest has worked through the local bowling alleys to offer reduced or free drilling to Special Olympics and March of Dimes and has given free bowling lessons to children.

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